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2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Report of Main Committee I

Establishment and terms of reference

1. Pursuant to rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons established Main Committee I as one of its three Main Committees, and decided to allocate to it the following items for its consideration (see NPT/CONF.2015/1).

Item 16. Review of the operation of the Treaty as provided for in its article VIII, paragraph 3, taking into account the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons:

(a) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, disarmament and international peace and security:

(i) Articles I and II and preambular paragraphs 1 to 3;

(ii) Article VI and preambular paragraphs 8 to 12;

(iii) Article VII, with specific reference to the main issues considered in this Committee;

(b) Security assurances:

(i) Security Council resolutions 255 (1968) and 984 (1995);

(ii) Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

Item 17. Role of the Treaty in the promotion of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and of nuclear disarmament in strengthening international peace and security, and measures aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Treaty and achieving its universality. In addition, at its eighth plenary meeting, on 30 April 2015, the Conference decided that disarmament and non-proliferation education would be dealt with by Main Committee I.

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Officers of the Committee

2. The Conference elected Mr. Enrique Roman-Morey (Peru) as the Chair of the Committee, and Mr. Henk Cor van der Kwast (Netherlands) and Mr. Andrej Logar (Slovenia) as Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee.

Establishment of Subsidiary Body 1

3. At its eighth plenary meeting, on 30 April 2015, the Conference decided to establish, for the duration of the 2015 Review Conference, a Subsidiary Body 1 under Main Committee I, chaired by Mr. Benno Laggner (Switzerland). The Conference further decided that Subsidiary Body 1 would examine "Nuclear disarmament and security assurances". Furthermore, the Conference decided that Subsidiary Body 1 would be open-ended, that it would hold at least four meetings within the overall time allocated to the Main Committee, that its meetings would be held in private and that the outcome of its work would be reflected in the report of Main Committee I to the Conference (NPT/CONF.2015/DEC.2).

4. Accordingly, Subsidiary Body 1 held six private meetings between 4 and 13 May 2015.

Documents before the Committee

5. The Committee had before it the following documents:*

NPT/CONF.2015/1	Final report of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/2	Activities of the African Commission on Nuclear Energy relating to the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: Memorandum of the African Union Commission
NPT/CONF.2015/3	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and previous Review Conference outcomes: report submitted by Portugal
NPT/CONF.2015/4	Memorandum on activities of the Kyrgyz Republic in its capacity as the depositary of the Treaty on a Nuclear- Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia
NPT/CONF.2015/5	Memorandum of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean
NPT/CONF.2015/7	Memorandum on activities relating to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Rarotonga)
NPT/CONF.2015/8	Memorandum from Mongolia regarding the consolidation of its international security and nuclear-weapon-free status

* Some of the documents may also cover items allocated to other Main Committees.

NPT/CONF.2015/9	Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Ireland
NPT/CONF.2015/10	Report submitted by France under actions 5, 20 and 21 of the Final Document of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/11	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Finland
NPT/CONF.2015/12	Report on the activities of Australia in support of the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/15	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Cuba
NPT/CONF.2015/16	Ninth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Chile
NPT/CONF.2015/17	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty: national report submitted by New Zealand
NPT/CONF.2015/19	Report by the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization prepared for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/20	Implementation of article VI: report submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2015/21	Substantive matters before the Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic
NPT/CONF.2015/22 and Rev.1	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Switzerland
NPT/CONF.2015/23	Memorandum on activities relating to the Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone: submitted by Malaysia
NPT/CONF.2015/24	Note verbale dated 16 April 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/25	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Poland

NPT/CONF.2015/26	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 Decision on Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament: report submitted by Morocco
NPT/CONF.2015/27	Report on the implementation of the action plan adopted by the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: submitted by Romania
NPT/CONF.2015/28	Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: summary update to the reports submitted by Austria
NPT/CONF.2015/29	National report on the implementation of actions 5, 20, and 21 of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
NPT/CONF.2015/30	National implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Brazil
NPT/CONF.2015/31	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Brazil
NPT/CONF.2015/32	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in China: report submitted by China
NPT/CONF.2015/33	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and previous Review Conference outcomes: report submitted by the Netherlands
NPT/CONF.2015/34	Implementation of the action plan agreed at the 2010 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2015/38	Actions 5, 20 and 21 of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2015/39	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Belgium
NPT/CONF.2015/40	Implementation of article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and of paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 decision on principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament: report submitted by Mexico

NPT/CONF.2015/41	Note verbale dated 4 May 2015 from the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations addressed to the Office for Disarmament Affairs
NPT/CONF.2015/42	Mise en œuvre du Traité sur la non-prolifération des armes nucléaires: rapport présenté par l'Algérie
NPT/CONF.2015/44	Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions agreed to during the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by South Africa
NPT/CONF.2015/46	Co-Chairs' summary of the regional round table on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons and the prospects for a ban treaty: submission by Thailand
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.2	Security assurances against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.3	Verification: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.4	Nuclear-weapon-free zones: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.7	Nuclear testing: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.8	Taking forward nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by New Zealand on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition (Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand and South Africa)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.9	Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by New Zealand on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition (Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand and South Africa)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.13	Nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.14	Draft elements for a plan of action for the elimination of nuclear weapons: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.2015/WP.15	Recommendations for consideration by the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: joint working paper submitted by the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.16	Recommendations for consideration by the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: joint working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.17	Transparency by non-nuclear-weapon States parties: joint working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.21	Taking action on de-alerting at the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sweden and Switzerland (the De-alerting Group)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.22	Security assurances against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.23	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: working paper submitted by Australia, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan and Nigeria
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.24	Substantive recommendations for incorporation into the final document of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.25	Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia: working paper submitted by the Kyrgyzstan on behalf of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.27	The findings of the Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons, held in Oslo on 4 and 5 March 2013: working paper submitted by Norway
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.28	French draft for a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices: working paper submitted by France
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.29	Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons (8 and 9 December 2014) and the Austrian Pledge: input for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by Austria

NPT/CONF.2015/WP.30	Humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons: working paper submitted by Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Egypt, the Holy See, Indonesia, Ireland, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, the Philippines, South Africa, Sweden and Switzerland
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.31	The United Kingdom-Norway Initiative: further research into the verification of nuclear warhead dismantlement: working paper submitted by the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.32	Transparency, reporting and strengthening the review process: working paper submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.36	Comprehensive implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and active promotion of global nuclear governance: working paper submitted by China
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.37	Nuclear non-proliferation: working paper submitted by Egypt
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.39	Nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by Egypt
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.40	Recommendations for consideration by the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the States Parties to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.41	Non-proliferation in all its aspects: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.42	Nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.44	Implementing the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: disarmament: working paper submitted by the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.50	European Union support for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and its verification regime: working paper submitted by the European Union
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.52	Nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by Algeria
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.53	Security assurances against the use or the threat of use of nuclear weapons: working paper submitted by Algeria
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.54	Mongolia's nuclear-weapon-free status: working paper submitted by Mongolia

6. The following documents were submitted to the Committee on the items allocated to it:

NPT/CONF.2015/MC.I/WP.1	Working paper of the Chair of Main Committee I
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.I/CRP.3	Report of Main Committee I: Chair's draft on substantive elements
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.I/CRP.3/Rev.1	Report of Main Committee I: revised Chair's draft on substantive elements
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.I/CRP.4	Main Committee I: draft Chair's report
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.I/CRP.4/Rev.1	Main Committee I: revised draft Chair's report

7. The following documents were submitted to Subsidiary Body 1 on the items allocated to it:

NPT/CONF.2015/MC.I/SB.I/CRP.1	Subsidiary Body I: revised draft substantive elements
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.I/SB.I/CRP.1 and Rev.1	Subsidiary Body I: draft substantive elements
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.I/SB.I/CRP.2	Proposals of members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries that are States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on: Subsidiary Body 1: revised draft substantive elements

Work of the Committee

8. The Committee held eight formal meetings between 1 and 18 May 2015; an account of the discussions is contained in the relevant summary records. After an initial general exchange of views on the agenda items allocated to it, the Committee considered the issues contained in the documents listed in paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

9. At the sixth meeting of Main Committee I, held on 14 May 2015, the Chair proposed document NPT/CONF.2015/MC.I/CRP.4, which reflected the results of the discussions held both in Main Committee I and in Subsidiary Body 1.

10. At the eighth meeting of Main Committee I, held on 18 May 2015, the Chair concluded that the Committee had not reached consensus regarding attachment of the revised draft report of the Chair (NPT/CONF.2015/MC.I/CRP.4/Rev.1) to the final report of Main Committee I and to forward it to the Conference for further consideration. The Committee took note of the statement of the Chair.